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Pennsylvania's Crop Production

HARRISBURG, PA, Nov 13, 2007 - **Pennsylvania's** 2007 production of corn for grain, soybeans, and potatoes is expected to be below last year based on November 1 conditions, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Corn for grain production is forecast at 116.4 million bushels, 1 percent less than last year. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 970,000 with an expected average yield of 120 bushels per acre, up 5 bushels per acre from the October 1 forecast, but 2 bushels per acre below last year.

Soybean production is forecast at 16.6 million bushels, 2 percent less than last year's production of 17.0 million bushels. Acreage for harvest is estimated at 415,000, compared with 425,000 last year. Yield is expected to average 40 bushels per acre, 1 bushel per acre above the October 1 forecast and unchanged from last year's yield.

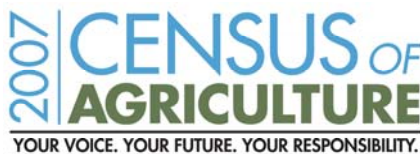
Potato production is forecast at 2.20 million cwt., 20 percent less than last year. Acreage for harvest is expected to be 10,000, down 500 acres from last year and again the lowest harvested acreage on record. Yield is expected to average 220 cwt. per acre, compared to a yield of 260 cwt. per acre last year.

United States' Corn production is forecast at 13.2 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 25 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of November 1, yields are expected to average 153.0 bushels per acre, down 1.7 bushels from October but 3.9 bushels above last year. If realized, this yield would be the second highest on record, behind 2004. Production would be the largest on record as producers expect to harvest the most corn acres for grain since 1933. Forecast yields are lower than last month across the northern and western Corn Belt and adjacent areas of the Great Plains where actual harvest results are revealing that the impact of the hot, dry conditions during pollination was worse than initially expected. Producers in the Ohio Valley, Tennessee Valley, and mid-Atlantic States reported higher yields than last month.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.59 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and down 19 percent from last year's record high. Based on November 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.3 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month and down 1.4 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast higher in Indiana, Michigan, Texas, and most of the Mid-Atlantic region as producers are realizing higher yields than expected. In contrast, yield prospects decreased or were unchanged across the remainder of the Nation as harvest progressed. Area for harvest in the U.S. is forecast at 62.8 million acres, unchanged from last month but down 16 percent from 2006.

Fall Potatoes: Production of fall potatoes for 2007 is forecast at 408 million cwt, up 2 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 997,800 acres, is virtually unchanged from the July estimate but 2 percent above last year. The average yield is forecast at 409 cwt per acre, up 3 cwt from last year's record high yield.

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